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YESTERDAY, ON INVITATION FROM THE PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR, I ATTENDED THE MASS AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF AYACUCHO AS WELL AS THE RECEPTION AT HIS RESIDENCE LAST NIGHT WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. BORDABERRY. AS I LEFT THE CATHEDRAL AMBASSADOR CISNEROS MADE IT A POINT TO GIVE ME A WARM ABRAZO WHICH WAS WITNESSED BY MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES AND OTHERS PRESENT. ALSO, DURING THE RECEPTION LAST NIGHT, HE ASKED WHEN I INTENDED TO VISIT PERU AGAIN AND NOTED THAT HE HAD JUST VISAED THE PASSPORTS OF MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER. HE ADDED THAT HE CONSIDERED IT VERY "SIGNIFICANT" THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAS NOT ANSWERED HIS TELEGRAM MAKING INQUIRY ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT CHARGES. IN THIS REGARD HE SAID THAT WHEN THE LOCAL PRESS HAD MOUNTED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST ME AFTER MY NOMINATION AS AMBASSADOR TO URUGUAY HE HAD SENT A TELEGRAM TO THE TORRE TAGLE TO ASK WHETHER THERE WAS ANYTHING TO THE CHARGES THEN BEING MADE REGARDING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH PERU. THE ANSWER HE SAID, WAS "NOTHING, ABSOLUTELY NOTHING". REALIZATION, HE SAID, OF VELASCO'S MISTAKE WITH RESPECT TO ME MUST BE CAUSING THE GOP SOMETHING OF A DILEMMA BUT HE FEARED IT WOULD ALSO BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.

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